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25 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

26 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

27 ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. and
 28 ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES
 29 AUSTRALIA PTY LTD.,

30 Plaintiffs/Counterclaim-
 31 Defendants,

32 vs.

33 LIGHT & WONDER, INC., LNW GAMING,
 34 INC., and SCIPLAY CORPORATION,

35 Defendants/Counterclaim-
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44 Case No. 2:24-cv-00382-GMN-MDC

45 **SECOND AMENDED STIPULATED
 46 DISCOVERY PLAN AND SCHEDULING
 47 ORDER**

48 **(SPECIAL SCHEDULING REVIEW
 49 REQUESTED)**

1 Plaintiffs Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. and Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty Ltd.
2 (“Aristocrat”) and Defendants Light & Wonder, Inc., LNW Gaming, Inc., and SciPlay Corporation
3 (“L&W”), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and agree, subject
4 to the Court’s approval, to the following second amended discovery plan and scheduling order in
5 this matter pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and LR 26-1. By this amended discovery plan and
6 scheduling order, the parties seek an approximately three-month extension of the fact discovery
7 deadline (and similar extensions of the remaining deadlines), which is warranted to allow for the
8 orderly completion of discovery in this complex case. This is the parties’ first request for an
9 extension of the discovery schedule, and it is supported by good cause, as explained below.

10 **A. Statement of the Discovery Completed**

11 Since the Court’s entry of the First Amended Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order, *see*
12 ECF No. 153, the parties have continued to actively engage in extensive discovery related to the
13 claims and defenses at issue in this case. As of the present submission, the parties have served and
14 responded to dozens of discovery requests across eleven sets of requests for production, nine sets
15 of interrogatories, and one set of requests for admission. In addition, the parties have collected and
16 produced significant numbers of documents in rolling document productions and have exchanged
17 proposed search terms for additional document searches and productions. The parties have
18 conducted the depositions of two fact witnesses and noticed a third fact deposition, and the Court
19 has granted a request for international judicial assistance for the taking of evidence abroad (ECF
20 No. 178).

21 Throughout the discovery process, the parties have remained in continuous contact—
22 participating in numerous meet-and-confers to discuss and work towards resolution of discovery
23 issues and disputes as they arise. The parties have also cooperated in setting up the framework and
24 provisions required to complete discovery in a complex litigation. *See, e.g.*, ECF No. 47 (joint
25 motion for entry of stipulated protective order); ECF No. 167 (joint motion to modify stipulated
26 protective order as to source code); ECF No. 205 (proposing stipulation on discovery of
27 electronically stored information). These discovery efforts have taken place while the parties
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1 engaged in extensive motions practice, including a motion to dismiss, a motion to stay discovery,
2 a motion for preliminary injunction, and a motion to enforce the preliminary injunction.

3 **B. Description of the Discovery That Remains to Be Completed**

4 While the parties have engaged in substantial discovery so far, the parties are continuing
5 to work on certain outstanding discovery items. Following the Court's recent order granting the
6 parties' electronically stored information ("ESI") stipulation, ECF No. 209, the parties are
7 discussing search terms and custodians for additional ESI searches, and the parties are also
8 discussing searches that Aristocrat has asked L&W to run on game math servers. Once the
9 parameters of the parties' ESI searches have been resolved, the parties will require time to conduct
10 the searches, produce the search results, and review the produced documents. The parties are also
11 continuing to identify, review, and produce other documents in response to requests for production,
12 including requests that were recently served, and the parties are continuing to respond to
13 interrogatories and update interrogatory responses.

14 The parties intend to notice and schedule the depositions of numerous witnesses, including
15 third-party witnesses, located in multiple countries. The parties also intend to prepare and serve
16 Rule 30(b)(6) deposition notices.

17 **C. Good Cause Exists for the Parties' Request for Additional Time**

18 Good cause exists to extend the current fact discovery deadline of June 30, 2025, by
19 approximately three months, because of the needs of the litigation and the parties' desire to
20 complete discovery in a timely and orderly manner. As this Court has recognized, this litigation is
21 "a complex trade secret matter that will necessitate voluminous document discovery and
22 depositions (lay and expert)." ECF No. 153 at 1. The ongoing complexities posed by this litigation
23 merit an extension of the discovery deadlines despite the parties' diligent efforts so far.

24 Since the parties submitted the previous discovery plan and scheduling order, the scope of
25 the litigation has expanded. In February 2025, L&W filed an amended answer asserting an
26 additional affirmative defense. ECF No. 197. In March 2025, Aristocrat amended its complaint to,
27 *inter alia*, accuse additional L&W games of trade secret misappropriation. ECF No. 206. In
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1 response, L&W filed an amended answer asserting additional defenses. ECF No. 220. The
2 expanded claims and defenses will require additional discovery beyond what the parties originally
3 anticipated.

4 The parties are working together to complete the necessary discovery but will need more
5 time to do so. In particular, the parties have been negotiating additional ESI searches that each
6 party will run pursuant to the negotiated ESI stipulation, *see* ECF No. 209, and additional discovery
7 directed to Aristocrat's efforts to investigate its claims. Although the parties have been meeting
8 and conferring about these additional ESI searches and documents, the parties have not reached
9 agreement. In addition, L&W has agreed to produce certain documents and provide updated
10 accountings regarding its compliance with the preliminary injunction by mid-June 2025, and the
11 Court has scheduled a hearing on the parties' pending discovery disputes for June 23, 2025. ECF
12 No. 222. An extension of the discovery deadline will allow the parties to complete their discovery
13 discussions, conduct the searches, and produce and review the documents, as well as providing
14 any discovery ordered by the Court in response to the parties' discovery disputes.

15 An extension would also facilitate the timely and orderly completion of discovery. Under
16 the current discovery deadline, the parties would need to take the remaining depositions before the
17 completion of much of the document discovery described above. This would be especially
18 inefficient in this case because certain of the outstanding discovery that the parties are discussing
19 could affect the scope of the case and could lead to additional requests for documents or ESI
20 searches. An extension would promote efficiency by ensuring that the parties have all material
21 information—and understand the full scope of the litigation—prior to completing depositions.

22 The number and location of depositions in this case also warrants an extension. In this case,
23 the parties are permitted to take up to fifteen depositions per side without consent or leave of Court.
24 An appreciable number of witnesses are located in Australia, and the parties have agreed to
25 coordinate on these depositions to the extent possible to ensure that they can be completed in an
26 efficient manner. An extension will provide for a greater opportunity to address the logistics
27 associated with scheduling these foreign depositions.

1 Other complexities in this litigation also support the need for an extension of the discovery
2 deadline. For example, the parties are engaged in litigation in Australia involving related issues.
3 The parties are actively working towards a negotiated agreement that will permit each party to
4 share information between this litigation and the parallel Australian litigation. Such an agreement
5 would facilitate discovery in both litigations, and the parties are continuing to coordinate with each
6 other and Australian counsel to reach an agreement. An extension in this case will allow for a
7 greater opportunity for coordination between the two cases in an effort to avoid inefficiencies.

8 The parties have been proactively engaged in this litigation and have worked diligently to
9 comply with the Court's discovery deadlines. For the reasons discussed above, the parties submit
10 that good cause exists for the Court to grant an approximately three-month extension of the
11 discovery deadline (and similar extensions of the other remaining deadlines), in order to facilitate
12 an efficient and orderly completion of discovery.

13 **D. The Parties' Proposed Schedule**

14 The parties agree and propose, subject to the Court's approval, that discovery should
15 proceed apace according to the following schedule:

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Deadline	Current Date	Proposed Date
Close of fact discovery	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>September 29, 2025</u> (approximately seventeen (17) months from date of the LR 26(f) conference)
Deadline for disclosures concerning burden of proof experts	<u>August 1, 2025</u>	<u>October 31, 2025</u> (approximately two (2) months before expert discovery deadline)
Deadline for disclosures of rebuttal experts	<u>September 2, 2025</u>	<u>December 5, 2025</u> (approximately one (1) month before expert discovery deadline)
Close of expert discovery	<u>September 30, 2025</u>	<u>January 16, 2026</u> (approximately twenty (20) months from date of LR 26(f) conference)
Deadline for filing dispositive motions	<u>October 31, 2025</u>	<u>February 17, 2026</u> (approximately one (1) month after the expert discovery deadline)
Deadline for filing joint pretrial order (which shall include the disclosures required pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3), and any objections thereto) ¹	<u>November 24, 2025</u>	<u>March 13, 2026</u> (approximately one (1) month after the deadline for filing dispositive motions)

1. **Joint Statement Regarding Longer Discovery Period (LR 26-1(b)):** The parties request a longer discovery period than set forth in LR 26-1(b)(1) due to the likely scope and volume of discovery and certain contested discovery issues that may require discovery motion practice.

2. **E. Information Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)**

1. **Initial Disclosures:** The parties previously exchanged initial disclosures on May 3, 2024. L&W served first supplemental disclosures on July 26, 2024, and second supplemental disclosures on October 16, 2024, which L&W amended on December 13, 2024.

¹ If dispositive motions are filed, the deadline for filing the joint pretrial order shall be suspended until thirty (30) days after decision on the dispositive motions or until further order of the Court.

1 2. **Subjects of Discovery:** The parties agree that discovery should extend to the full
2 extent allowed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and that discovery should not be limited to
3 any particular issue (without prejudice to a party's right to object to discovery or seek a protective
4 order).

5 3. **Phasing and Timing of Discovery:** The parties agree that expert discovery should
6 close after the close of fact discovery.

7 4. **Issues Regarding Disclosure of Electronically Stored Information:** The parties
8 do not anticipate any unique issues concerning discovery of electronically stored information.

9 5. **Issues About Claims of Privilege/Protection of Trial Preparation Materials:**
10 The parties agree that they are not required to identify on a privilege log any privileged documents
11 that (a) were created on or after December 23, 2023, the filing of the application in *Aristocrat*
12 *Techs. Australia Pty Ltd. v. Light & Wonder, Inc. et al.* (2023) No. NSD1576 (Fed. Ct. Austl.) (the
13 “Australian Proceeding”), or (b) consist of work product of or communications involving counsel
14 of record in this action or the Australian Proceeding. The parties will negotiate a mutually
15 agreeable time for the exchange of privilege logs.

16 6. **Changes Made in Limitations on Discovery:** The parties have discussed and
17 agreed on the following modifications to limitations on discovery.

18 i. **Fact Depositions:**

19 1. The Court previously set a limit of 15 fact depositions, including
20 third parties but not experts. ECF No. 153, ¶ IV.A. The parties agree that a
21 deposition pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6) counts as a single deposition regardless of the
22 number of witnesses designated to provide testimony. However, if any designated
23 Rule 30(b)(6) witnesses are also deposed in their personal capacity under Rule
24 30(b)(1), then each of the personal depositions will count separately against the
25 deposition limit. The parties may take additional depositions by stipulation or with
26 leave of Court.

27 2. The duration of depositions will be governed by the Federal Rules
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1 of Civil Procedure, in particular Rule 30(d)(1), except for any Rule 30(b)(6)
2 depositions of a party. Aristocrat's position is that the parties should agree to meet
3 and confer in good faith regarding the duration of Rule 30(b)(6) depositions of a
4 party. L&W's position is that the duration of the Rule 30(b)(6) depositions should
5 be as set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6 3. The parties will attempt to schedule the Rule 30(b)(6) testimony
7 sessions at the convenience of the witnesses. The parties agree to provide
8 reasonable notice to each other in advance of a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of both the
9 deponent(s) and the topics that the deponent will address.

10 4. The parties agree that, as to the deponent designated by the
11 responding party, if the noticing party desires an individual deposition of that
12 deponent, both the individual deposition and the 30(b)(6) deposition will be taken
13 in a single continuous deposition, absent good cause for holding depositions
14 separately.

15 5. The parties agree to negotiate in good faith to identify a mutually
16 agreeable location for depositions.

17 ii. **Requests for Admission:** Each side will be limited to fifty (50) requests for
18 admission, exclusive of requests to establish the admissibility of documents. As part of
19 their pre-trial conference, however, the parties agree to work in good faith toward a suitable
20 stipulation regarding the authenticity and admissibility of intended trial exhibits. No other
21 modifications to the default discovery limitations are needed at this time.

22 iii. **Electronic Copies and Service:** Pursuant to Rule 5(b)(2)(E), the parties
23 consent to service by electronic means and service shall be "complete upon transmission,
24 but is not effective if the serving party learns that it did not reach the person to be served."
25 Service of all documents filed with the Court shall be made through the Court's ECF
26 system.

27 Electronic service on Aristocrat will be made to at least the following:
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9 Electronic service on L&W will be made to at least the following:

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13 rmagni@susmangodfrey.com
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17 **F. Other Orders:** The parties previously submitted a stipulated protective order to
18 govern the exchange of confidential documents and information, ECF No. 47, which the Court
19 entered, ECF No. 50.

20 **G. Settlement:** In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and LR 26-1(b)(7), the parties
21 have discussed the possibility of using alternative dispute-resolution processes including
22 mediation and arbitration but have not reached any agreement at this time.

23 **H. Alternative Forms of Case Disposition:** The parties have considered consenting
24 to trial by magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, as well as the Short
25 Trial Program. The parties decline to engage in those programs. LR 26-1(b)(8).

26 **I. Electronic Evidence:** The parties anticipate presenting evidence in electronic form
27 to jurors for jury deliberation purposes. The parties anticipate reaching stipulations regarding
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disclosure of electronically stored information in a format that is compatible with the Court's electronic display system. LR 26-1(b)(9).

J. Later Appearing Parties: A copy of this discovery plan and scheduling order shall be served upon any person served after it is entered or, if additional defendants should appear, within five (5) days of their first appearance. This discovery plan and scheduling order shall apply to such later appearing parties, unless the parties stipulate otherwise with the Court's approval or the Court otherwise orders.

K. Additional Information: None.

L. Court Conference: The parties do not request a conference with the Court before the entry of this discovery plan and scheduling order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Hon. Maximiliano D. Couvillier III
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: 5/2/2025

1 Dated: April 30, 2025

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